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News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

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Miss Lizzie Purcell is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Robert Powers in Waterville.

Miss Carrie Sigworth has returned from a visit with her sister in Catskill, N. Y.

W. T. Barratt and H. S. Moses have gone to Boston and will return with Mr. Barratt's new Buick touring car.

Miss Anna Purcell, who has been ill of the grip for the past week, was able to be out of doors for the first time Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lutes of Pittsfield and daughter Janet, were the guests Sunday of Mrs. Lutes' father, Henry W. Marsh.

There will be a special meeting of the board of directors of the Bennington baseball association at the usual time and place this evening.

J. Guy Livingston who has been visiting at his home here during the past week, returned Sunday to White River Junction, where he is employed in the Cummings job printing office.

Remember the library meeting at Bennington tomorrow, May 7. In the afternoon a general discussion on subjects of interest to all who believe in the library; in the evening Dr. Guy Potter Benton, president of the University of Vermont, will speak on "Samuel Adams, Patriot." On May 8th and 9th a library school will be held.

MAGDALENA BAY MYSTERY

More Evidence of Our Disposition to Distrust Japan

Mr. Taft has taken twenty-eight days to reply to the Lodge resolution requesting him, "if not incompatible with the public interest, to transmit to the senate any information in his possession of the government relating to the purchase of land at Magdalena Bay by the Japanese government or by a Japanese company." In the interval sensational prints have proved the case against Japan for their own purposes and have made a great hullabaloo about her sinister design to establish a naval base on Magdalena Bay and flout the Monroe doctrine.

The president's reply to the Lodge resolution is in the nature of an anticlimax. It had been obviously intimated that he would take occasion to reaffirm the Monroe Doctrine, bring it down to date with a warning to Japan; but what the president does is simply to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution and transmit a report of the secretary of state upon the great mystery. Through the Japanese ambassador at Washington the government at Tokyo, apprised by him of the report associating it with negotiations to acquire a tract on Magdalena Bay, has made "an unreserved and categorical denial of the rumored purchase of land at Magdalena Bay in the imperial Japanese government or by a Japanese company, characterizing the report as entirely sensational and utterly without any foundation whatever." The Japanese government declares further that it has never directly or indirectly sought to acquire land on Magdalena Bay for any purpose whatsoever, or even contemplated such a thing.

Through her ambassador Japan has before attempted to lay the Magdalena Bay spectre, but it would seem that so long as Japanese citizens engage or seek to participate in business enterprises on the west coast of Mexico she will be officially identified with them and suspected of an uncanny stratagem to secure a naval base for the purpose in her chosen time of destroying the United States fleet, seizing the Panama Canal and ravaging our Pacific coast. It is waste of breath to point out that with the United States Navy in possession of Pearl Harbor and the San Francisco and Bremerton bases the Japanese at Magdalena Bay would be absolutely checked. The alarmists will have it that once Japan obtained a foothold on the Mexican coast she would overwhelm the sea power of the United States by a sort of naval jiu jitsu, the secret of which is known only to herself. Therefore if her subjects negotiate for fishing rights or a coal depot for steamships they are acting for the milkado's intriguing and militant government, bent on the subjugation or humiliation of the American people.

Now the facts that suspicion feeds on in this case which was said to involve the Japanese government were these, according to the state department: an American syndicate having a concession in connection with a tract of land at Magdalena Bay was tired of the bargain and desired to transfer its rights to a Japanese syndicate which was represented by an American attorney. He sounded the state department. Would the United States government oppose the transaction, looking at it through the Monroe Doctrine spectacles? The syndicate would not take over the rights without the countenance of the Japanese government, and it seemed polite to inquire whether the United States would regard the transfer as objectionable. The state department did not encourage the project, intimating that in some quarters it would provoke "a great outcry," which would be embarrassing. Subsequently the American concessionaires planned a partnership with the Japanese promoters, the Americans to retain control and management of the enterprise. The state department declined to sanction it, and there the matter dropped. Naturally the department "cannot assume that there is on foot any project calling for action on the part of the government of the United States." It refers to the rumors of Japanese designs on Magdalena Bay as "of a kind that all too frequently occur to the detriment of public opinion in the respective countries and are so alien to the cordial relations of the governments concerned."

The incident shows how apprehensive the Japanese government is in this hemisphere may be misunderstood and excite suspicion, and at the same time how careful the United States government is, in deference to mistrust of Japan, to withhold official sanction of a business contract about which no questions

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MEETING OF LIBRARIANS

To Be Held in This Village Tomorrow

The state board of library commissioners and the officers of the local library will hold a public meeting in this village tomorrow. The program will be as follows:

Afternoon

In the Congregational chapel at 2:30 p. m.
Greeting by Philip T. H. Pierson, trustee of the Bennington Public Library.

Interesting the Public in the Library—

(a) Liberal Rules.
Miss Alice Shepard, Springfield, Mass.
(b) Commission Work.
Miss R. W. Wright, secretary of the Vermont Commission, Montpelier.
(c) Enlisting the Children.
Miss Angie Melden, Bennington.
Five Minute Reports
Raising Money.

Selection and Purchase of Books—

(a) For Young People.
Mrs. C. M. Winslow, Brandon.
(b) Economy and Timeliness of Purchase.
Miss E. S. Lease, Montpelier.

Book Reviews.
The Year's Best Fiction.
Miss Eleanor Eggleston, Manchester.

Some Outdoor Books.
Miss E. S. Hills, Lyndonville.

The Library and the Young People—
A. W. Varney, Supt. Bennington Schools.

(a) Cooperation of School and Library.
Miss Hazel McLeod, Bennington.

(b) The Story Hour.
Miss Lucy D. Cheney, Rutland.

(c) Traveling Library for School Use.
Miss R. W. Wright.

Evening

In the Congregational church, 8:15 p. m.

Introduction by the Rev. George S. Mills.

Dr. Guy Potter Benton, president of the University of Vermont, Burlington, will speak on "Samuel Adams, Patriot."

The Board of Library commissioners will open a school in the Bennington public library at 9 a. m. the 8th of May. Such subjects as accessioning, classifying, cataloguing, shelf-listing, charging, mending of books, preparation of books for the bindery, keeping of accounts and of statistics, etc., will be explained. Opportunity for practice in any branch of library work, under the direction of a trained librarian, will be given. Mrs. P. Wellington Bragg, the well known Montpelier librarian, will tell a story to certain grades from the public school on Wednesday at 4 p. m. It is hoped that she will be present at the Tuesday afternoon meeting.

Classes will meet both morning and afternoon for two, possibly for three days; but a part of either Wednesday or Thursday will be set aside to see Bennington and the monument.

Miss Wright of the New York state library school and Miss Melden of the Springfield, Mass., library will have charge of the school.

The Civic League of Bennington has arranged to entertain the visiting librarians and those who expect to attend the meetings of the school and accept the hospitality of the league should apply to Miss Melden as soon as possible, stating time of arrival and probable length of stay. Address Miss Angie Melden, Public Library, Bennington.

The school is in Bennington for the convenience of librarians in that section; but all Vermont librarians, library trustees, and school teachers are invited to attend.

The state board of library commissioners consists of Mrs. C. M. Winslow, Brandon; E. M. Goddard, Montpelier; Miss F. B. Fletcher, Proctorsville; Miss C. H. Clement, Rutland; Miss R. W. Wright, secretary, Montpelier.

It would be asked if the aliens interested in it were of any other nationality than Japanese.—New York Sun.

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John E. Keough was in Bennington Saturday.

The O. E. S. held its regular meeting last Wednesday evening.

Miss Billings is having her house painted; also E. M. Lathrop.

Mrs. E. C. Woodworth has returned from her visit in Bennington and Albany.

Miss Pauline Webb of East Arlington spent Thursday with Mrs. H. D. La Batt.

Mrs. Muller of Rutland spent Sunday recently with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Canfield have arrived from Rutland and are busy settling in their new home here.

Miss Martha Harvey returned to her home in Bennington recently after spending a few days at the home of Edward Keough.

There was a surprise party Thursday evening at the home of Mr. Hayes in East Arlington for his son. A load from here enjoyed the party and drive.

Misses Margaret and Stasia Keough of Bennington who have been visiting their parents, spent a day recently with Miss Nellie Sims of East Arlington.

The notice of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., has been sent out to the subordinate chapters, announcing the meeting to be held in Montpelier this year, June 6-8. All members are cordially invited.

Charles A. Adams, union superintendent of the schools at Castleton and West Rutland has been appointed by the state board of education to succeed as principal of the Castleton Normal school, Philip R. Leaventhorn, resigned. Mr. Adams' appointment was made at a meeting held in Burlington by the state board Saturday, April 27, and his acceptance was received Friday. He will assume the principalship of the Castleton Normal school at the conclusion of the present year. Mr. Adams has achieved many educational honors. He graduated from Middlebury college in 1895, ranking second in the class in point of scholarship. He pursued a post graduate course for a year at John Hopkins University and then taught English at the St. Albans Military Academy at Knox, Vermont, from 1896-1901. In 1899 he married Miss Bertha Brainerd, daughter of President Ezra Brainerd of Middlebury college. Mr. Adams was professor of English in a university from 1901-1902, the principal of Adams, Mass., high school from 1902-1907, and the principal of Maryland college at Lutherville, Md., from 1907-1908. He has been union superintendent of the schools at Castleton and West Rutland for the past four years.—Rutland Herald. The above will be of interest to many townspeople, as Mr. Adams who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando E. Adams of this place, was born and lived here all his younger years, until he went away to school.

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